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1. SITUATION IN SYRIA.

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A. THERE IS NO FIRM EVIDENCE OF EGYPTIAN MILITARY PREPARATIONS BEYOND THOSE WE REPORTED YESTERDAY.

B. THERE HAVE BEEN DEMONSTRATIONS AGAINST THE NEW GOVERNMENT AT VARIOUS POINTS IN SYRIA, ALL OF WHICH HAVE BEEN QUELLED BY THE MILITARY BUT NOT WITHOUT GUNFIRE. ALEPPO WAS REPORTED QUIET AFTER WEEKEND DISORDERS WHICH PRODUCED AT LEAST 11 KILLED AND 37 WOUNDED;

C. THE KUZBARI GOVERNMENT IS CONTINUING ITS EFFORTS TO GAIN WIDER ACCEPTANCE. IT HAS NOW BEEN RECOGNIZED BY JORDAN, TURKEY, IRAN, GUATEMALA AND NATIONALIST CHINA.

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2. FRANCO TO SEEK REVISION OF AGREEMENT WITH US. BESIDES PRESSING FOR CONCESSIONS ON MILITARY AND ECONOMIC AID WHEN RENEGOTIATION OF THE DEFENSE AND BASES AGREEMENT BEGINS NEXT YEAR, HE MAY ASK THE US TO BOLSTER MADRID'S MILITARY POSITION IN AFRICA AND TO SPEED UP ITS ADMISSION TO NATO. THE SPANISH HAVE RECENTLY SHOWN CONCERN THAT MOROCCAN PRESSURE ON SPAIN'S AFRICAN HOLDINGS WILL INCREASE AS THE US PHASE-OUT IN MOROCCO PROGRESSES.

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A. ADENAUER IS SCHEDULED TO MEET TODAY WITH FREE DEMOCRATIC PARTY LEADER MENDE FOR THEIR FIRST DISCUSSION ON A COALITION. THE CHANCELLOR HAS A MUCH IMPROVED BARGAINING POSITION AS A RESULT OF POST-ELECTION MANEUVERS WHICH OUR EMBASSY IN BONN CALLS AN IMPRESSIVE DISPLAY OF POLITICAL VIRTUOSITY.

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B. DE GAULLE WILL MAKE A MAJOR TV-RADIO ADDRESS TO THE NATION THIS AFTERNOON. EARLIER TODAY IN ALGERIA, FRENCH TROOPS WERE OUT IN FORCE DURING A 30-MINUTE GENERAL STRIKE CALLED BY THE SECRET ARMY ORGANIZATION, BUT THERE HAVE BEEN NO REPORTS OF SERIOUS VIOLENCE.

C. NKRUMAH'S CABINET SHAKEUP LAST WEEK AND OTHER RECENT MEASURES TAKEN AGAINST MODERATES WHO HAVE RESISTED HIS LEFTWARD TREND HAVE PROVOKED CONSIDERABLE RESENTMENT WITHIN GHANA. THE GOVERNMENT'S UNEASINESS IS REVEALED IN POLICE MESSAGES WHICH FORCAST A CLEAVAGE IN THE RULING PARTY AND FURTHER LABOR UNREST.

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SYRIAN SITUATION

1. THERE ARE INDICATIONS THAT NASIR IS STEPPING-UP HIS EFFORTS TO INSTIGATE AN UPRISING AGAINST THE NEW SYRIAN GOVERNMENT AS THE RESULT OF THE DAMASCUS ANNOUNCEMENT YESTERDAY THAT ALL EGYPTIANS, MILITARY AND CIVILIAN OFFICIALS ARE TO BE EXPELLED. THIS WOULD, OF COURSE, ELIMINATE A GROUP WHICH COULD PLAY A KEY ROLE SHOULD PRO-NASIR SYRIANS ATTEMPT TO MOVE AGAINST THE NEW GOVERNMENT.

2. NASIR APPARENTLY REMAINS HOPEFUL THAT THE REVOLUTIONARY COMMAND MAY LOSE CONTROL IN ONE OF THE NORTHERN SYRIAN CITIES, SUCH AS THE PORT OF LATAKIA OR ALEPPO, WHERE THE SYRIAN MILITARY YESTERDAY SUPPRESSED SMALL-SCALE DEMONSTRATIONS BY PRO-NASIR STUDENTS AND WORKERS. [REDACTED] SMALL NUMBERS OF TANKS, TRUCKS, ARMORED PERSONNEL CARRIERS AND ANTI-AIRCRAFT GUNS WERE BEING LOADED ON FOUR EGYPTIAN FREIGHTERS AT THE PORT OF ALEXANDRIA YESTERDAY SUGGEST THAT NASIR INTENDS TO BE PREPARED TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF SUCH A CONTINGENCY. LATAKIA IS 30-36 HOURS SAILING TIME FROM ALEXANDRIA.

3. THE SYRIAN REVOLUTIONARY COMMAND, WHILE PROCLAIMING THAT ITS CONTROL OF THE COUNTRY IS FIRM, NOTED IN A COMMUNIQUE ISSUED THIS MORNING THAT "SUBVERSIVE ELEMENTS--WHICH IT CLAIMS ARE OF NON-SYRIAN NATIONALITY--ARE "PENETRATING DEMONSTRATIONS OF JUBILATION WITH THE PURPOSE OF CHANGING THE CHARACTER OF THESE DEMONSTRATIONS". RADIO CAIRO, BROADCASTING A HIGHLY COLORED VERSION OF THESE "GIGANTIC DEMONSTRATIONS", HAS CALLED ON SYRIANS TO RISE IN REBELLION.

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